(ख) अंग्रेजी के अनिवार्य प्रश्न पत्र के कब तक समाप्त कर दिये जाने की संभावना है ?

प्रधान मंत्री और कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत तथा पेंशन मंत्री (श्री विश्वनाथ प्रताप सिंह) : (क) और (ख) विशेषज्ञ समिति ने, संघ लोक सेवा आयोग को अपनी रिपोर्ट 11-5-1990 को दे दी थी । संघ लोक सेवा आयोग द्वारा इस रिपोर्ट की अभी जांच की जा रही है ।

Voluntary retirement scheme in Public Sector Undertakings

1482. DR. YELLAMACHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISAER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had introduced a voluntary retirement Scheme in Public Sector Undertakings; and

(b) if so, what have been the achievements under the said scheme so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) Government notified parameters of Voluntary Retirement Scheme on 5-10-1988 for adoption by PSEs.

(b) Necessary information is being collected and would be placed on the table of the House.

Environment damage by British Aided Projects in India

1483. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Public Accounts Committee of British Parliament in its recent report has stated that expensive aid projects promoted by Britain in India at a cost of one billion sterling pounds during the last decade have caused extensive environmental damage in the country, especially due to open cast mining at Amlohri Gosundadam and Hindustan Smelter; and

(b) if so, what remedial action is being taken by Government to repair the damage?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) Yes, Sir. A news item quoting from the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General, British Government, on the above subject has been brought to the notice of the Government.

(b) Adequate measures for land reclamation, afforestation, reclamation of overburden dumps, rehabilitation of displaced persons and control of air and water pollution are being taken for environmental management in the Amlohri Opencast Project.

Strict stipulations for various air and water pollution control measures have been made in case of Hindustan Zinc Smelter. The unit has included provision of Electrostatic precepitators and Wet scrubbing system. Advanced waste treatment system is being provided. Large scale afforestation has also been planned.

Candidates who took Civil Services Examination in Regional Languages

1484. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what is the percentage of the candidates who took the Civil Services (Main) Examination in any of the Regional Languages and finally selected for various services during each year from 1985 to 1989 yearwise?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): Information is given in the statement at Annexure. (*See* Appendix CLV, Annexure No. 48)